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18 March 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 18 March 1966

Mr. Helms was in the chair as Acting DCI. Admiral Raborn was out of the city.

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Godfrey briefed on the situation in Indonesia and on a discussion between the U. S. embassy officer and a foreign affairs committee of the French Assembly concerning deGaulle's forthcoming visit to Moscow. Godfrey noted receipt of certain recommendations made by General Westmoreland. These will be circulated within the Agency on a tightly-held basis.

25X1 [redacted] noted that the NATO standing group annual exercise will begin on 21 March.

DD/S noted a request from Protocol Chief Hand to have thirty Agency officers in attendance on the White House grounds during the forthcoming visit by Prime Minister Gandhi. DD/S is making arrangements.

DD/S noted passage of a new tax bill effective 1 May which will make more realistic payroll deductions for income tax purposes. For some this will mean a sharp increase in payroll tax deductions. A Notice will be circulated to all employees. (See Action 2)

25X1 [redacted] initiated a discussion of the situation in South Vietnam and the prospects there for political stability. (See Action 4)

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25X1 [ ] noted some [ ] evidence of the possible presence in North Vietnam of radars believed associated with coastal defense missiles and the evidence that additional MIG-21's may be in NVN. Both of these subjects are under DD/I analysis.

25X1 [ ] discussed arrangements being made for the forthcoming PFIAB meeting on the afternoon of 21 March. For the first time DCI is permitted to orchestrate the presentations by various intelligence officials. General Carroll, Tom Hughes, General Carter, and D/NRO Flax will all appear. The session will deal primarily with the sixteen recommendations made by the PFIAB concerning Far Eastern matters.

DD/S&T noted the first Soviet launch of a photo reconnaissance satellite from Plesetsk. The launch took place yesterday. Analysis of recent photography shows that the Plesetsk facilities have been modified to permit such launches. It is suspected that all future launches will be made from Plesetsk in order to free facilities at Tyuratam. 25X1

DD/S&T reported that a [ ]aunch is scheduled for this afternoon. 25X1

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2. A/DCI requests that word be passed at all Agency staff meetings about the new tax bill and the fact that the DD/S is circulating an Agency Notice on this subject.

3. A/DCI recommends for reading an article on Vietnam done by George Carver for the April issue of Foreign Affairs. OGC is requested to consider insertion of the article in the Congressional Record.

4. All Agency components are requested to keep abreast of and in tune with developments affecting the political situation in South Vietnam to ensure that reporting is as complete and as premonitory as possible. (DD/I, DD/P, and SAVA)

5. A/DCI requests all Deputies to review the attendance of officers responsible to them who attend USIB meetings. Attendance is excessive and should be kept to the essential minimum. (All)

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